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Dear

I am writing about your email of 24 July 2022, requesting the following information:

'Under the freedom of information act, can you please provide me with the vehicles full military service history and the year the military first purchased the vehicle? The current registration is T35 YAB, Military reg is 58 KK 25, Serial number is SALLDVAC7JA915956, N.S.N is 2320-99-893-8037, Code number is VB 1625.'

Your request has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

A search has been carried out of Ministry of Defence (MOD) records and it is confirmed that some information is held on your vehicle that can be released. This is enclosed, as follows:

Annex A - Transfer History Annex B - Inspection History Annex C - Service History Annex D – Fault History

Information about your vehicle has previously been published; Section 21(1) of the FOI Act provides that information is exempt if it is reasonably available by other means. The Merlin archive was released as part of a previous FOI request and can be accessed at the Government publications website, at the following link:

FOI responses published by MOD: week commencing 9 July 2018 - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) of the FOI Act, I can advise you that the Merlin database in the above link is split into seven spreadsheets. The first has a list of vehicles, while sheets two through seven include the service histories. To search for a vehicle, you must press Ctrl + F on your computer keyboard, then select 'Options' and then select 'Workbook' from the 'Within' drop down list. Information relevant to your request can be found by typing the military vehicle registration number and pressing 'enter'. For ease of reference, the published information concerning your vehicle is available from the first attachment 'Merin 2.0 Attachment 1' at row 18576 and 'Merlin 2.0 Attachment 4' at rows 139912 to 139917.

You may wish to note that when the Merlin database was archived into its current format some data may have been lost or corrupted. You should, therefore, be cautious that some of the data may be inaccurate.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance. If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.gov.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may raise your complaint directly to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at https://ico.org.uk/.

Yours sincerely,

DE&S Secretariat